

well have been raised some time ago. In reality, most of the provisions of the bills that we are considering were written exactly by the same sort of people. What has concerned me most of all is the fact that I have received very little input, in fact, none from these kinds of people in the consideration of the bill. I understand that many of you have the same problem. These are the people that will have to work with the bill, on both sides, the public defender, the county attorney, the judges. I think they can spot some errors, ambiguities, inconsistencies that we frankly are not able to spot here in this particular atmosphere in which we work. Therefore, I would make one correction to what I said earlier. I overstated the expected cost of this. I now have the paper in my hand. The expected cost would be somewhere between \$11,000 and \$20,000 rather than \$20 and \$28. So it's somewhat less than what I originally told you, which is good news. I move for the adoption of this amendment to LB 32.

SENATOR MARVEL PRESIDING

SENATOR MARVEL: You've heard the...this is the Bereuter amendment as amended. Are you ready for the question? Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bereuter, when does this committee come into existence? What is the date that this committee comes into existence? What is the date that it ceases to exist?

SENATOR MARVEL: Has he closed? Are you asking him a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, he hadn't closed because he was just speaking on his amendment. They just adopted the Fowler amendment. This is his amendment as amended that we are talking about.

SENATOR MARVEL: You are asking him a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you yield Senator Bereuter?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I yield but I understood I was closing but I will yield. Senator Chambers, if you are asking when it would become effective?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BEREUTER: It would become effective...I've forgotten if this bill has the emergency clause on. If it does have the emergency clause on it, it would become effective potentially immediately. We expected that they would begin operation about July 1. It automatically goes out of existence as you may note there on line 8, July 1, 1978. But its major responsibilities would be completed by December 1.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bereuter, when you say in your amendment, you know lines 5, 6, and 7, that this committee shall be in existence from the effective date of this act. What is the effective date of this act? I don't understand. The amendment itself is ambiguous. What do you mean by the effective date of the act so that is in the record?